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**Landslide On State Trust Lands Temporarily
Closes Striped Peak Trail**
Repairs slated to begin this month, after the slide area is stabilized

OLYMPIA – In order to protect public safety, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Clallam County staff jointly closed the Striped Peak Trail on February 23, after a landslide occurred on a portion of the trail.

Striped Peak Trail runs between a viewpoint on DNR-managed trust lands on Striped Peak and the Salt Creek Recreation Area managed by Clallam County. Closure signs have been posted at each end of the trail.

Public Lands Commissioner Doug Sutherland expressed his concern over hiker safety, after some of the signs posted by DNR were vandalized and removed earlier this week. “The major concern for DNR is the safety of those using the trail and we urge everyone to honor the closure signs.” Sutherland said the DNR maintenance and operations trail crew will begin seasonal trail work this month. The crew will repair the Striped Peak Trail after the slide area has stabilized. Once repairs are completed, DNR will announce the reopening of the trail.

Anyone with information regarding the removal or vandalism of the signs is requested to contact DNR’s Olympic Region Office at 360- 374-6131.

DNR – land manager and protector of natural resources

DNR, led by Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland, manages more than three million acres of state-owned trust forest, agricultural, range lands and commercial properties that earn income to build schools, universities and other state institutions, and help fund local services in many counties. In addition to earning income, trust lands help protect habitat for native plant and animal species, clean and abundant water, and offer public recreation and education opportunities statewide.

DNR is steward of more than 2.4 million acres of aquatic lands – the beaches and lands under Puget Sound, the coast, navigable lakes and rivers. They are managed to protect the fish and wildlife, provide commerce and navigation, and access for all the people of the state.

DNR provides wildfire protection and supports the state forest practices board in protecting public resources on 12 million acres of private and state-owned forestland. DNR geologists regulate surface mine reclamation; DNR staff provide technical assistance for forestry and mining; and provide financial and grant assistance for urban forestry to state and local communities.

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